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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Takahide KOHRO et al.**

Art Unit: **1611**

Application Number: **10/590,492**

Examiner: **Charlesworth Rae**

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For: **NUCLEAR TRANSFER PROMOTER FOR Cdc42 PROTEIN AND
METHOD OF SCREENING THE SAME**

Attorney Docket Number: **032217A**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 16, 2008

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2008.

In the Office Action, restriction is required between Group I (claims 1-3), Group II (claims 7-9), Group III (claim 10), Group IV (claim 12), Group V (claims 13-15) and Group VI (claims 4-6 and 11).

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group II, (claims 7-9) and elects pitavastatin in the Species 1a) for prosecution in this application. Claims 7-9 read on the elected species. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

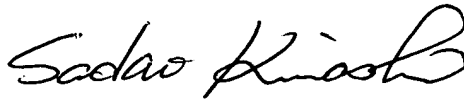
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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